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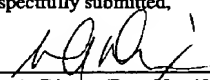
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The Director is authorized to charge the requisite fee of \$2,080.00 that is due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(5) to Deposit Account No. 50-0725. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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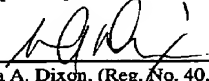
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